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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will bear on modern and contemporary arms control and disarmament starting with The Hague Conference in 1899 and efforts of non-governmental groups such as the Women's International League for Peace pushing for arms control at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919. It will briefly take up arms limitations in the inter-war period and the

adoption of the first legal instruments on bacteriological and chemical weapons. The historical review will particularly bear, however, on limiting, controlling, and reducing the weapons for waging war in the Cold War period. The role of the United Nations, through the Conference on Disarmament, will be taken up. After the historical review, the course will essentially deal with the period that started with the end of the Cold War where the focus shifted from arms control and disarmament to non-proliferation. It will also address the control of small arms and land mines. The application of the regime set-up by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) will receive particular attention. Proliferation analysis will be undertaken. Issues of export and delivery control and of monitoring and verification regimes will be examined. The conformity of counter-proliferation policies with international law will be discussed. The actual or potential emergence of non-state actors that could use weapons of mass destruction would be discussed. The course will offer a theoretical framework to analyze armament and proliferation dynamics. It will particularly discuss contemporary nuclear weapons issues such as the abolition perspective and non-proliferation in the Middle East.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completing the course successfully, the students:

- ✓ Gained familiarity with the history of arms control and disarmament and with the different stages they went through;
- ✓ Understood the different concepts of arms and control and disarmament;
- ✓ Analyzed the different instruments and regimes of arms control, including the nuclear non-proliferation regime, their application and the attitudes and policies in their respect;
- ✓ Been able to provide policy advice on arms control and disarmament;
- ✓ Been able to contribute to the effective application of arms control and disarmament regimes.

MAIN TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- ✓ Conceptual approaches to arms control and disarmament
- ✓ The Cold-War: the United Nations, Arms Control and Disarmament
- ✓ The Cold War: US-USSR Arms Control and Disarmament bilateral approaches
- ✓ Controlling weapons of mass destruction I: the nuclear non-proliferation regime
- ✓ Controlling weapons of mass destruction II and III: the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Biological Weapons Convention
- ✓ Restricting conventional weapons: landmines, small arms
- ✓ Controlling export and delivery systems: Multilateral regimes
- ✓ Foreign policy / Diplomacy & Disarmament
- ✓ Civil society & Disarmament
- ✓ Contemporary nuclear weapons issues: non-proliferation in the Middle-East

READINGS

I. General Readings

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- Geoff, Berridge. Diplomacy : theory and practice / G.R. Berridge. 4th edition . Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire ; New York : Palgrave, 2010., n.d. Available at <http://lib.aucegypt.edu/search~S2/?rPPAD+570/rppad+570/1,1,3,B/frameset~1844205&FF=rppad+570&3,,3>
- Gerald M. Steinberg, "Examining Israel's NPT Exceptionalism: 1998-2005," The Nonproliferation Review. (March 2006). Available at:

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II. Readings on Reserve

Title	Author
Arms control in the Middle East : cooperative security dialogue and regional constraints / Emily B. L	Landau, Emily B.
The art and science of negotiation / Howard Raiffa.	Raiffa, Howard, 1924-
The Briefing Book on International Organizations in Geneva.	United Nations in Geneva.
Building peace : sustainable reconciliation in divided societies / John Paul Lederach.	Lederach, John Paul.
The changing politics of foreign policy.	Hill, Christopher.
Coming to Terms With Security: A Handbook on Verification and Compliance	UNIDIR
Diplomacy : theory and practice / G. R. Berridge.	Berridge, Geoff.
Essentials of negotiation / Roy J. Lewicki, Bruce Barry, David M. Saunders.	Lewicki, Roy J.
Getting to yes : negotiating agreement without giving in / by Roger Fisher and William Ury, with Bruce	Fisher, Roger, 1922-2012
International Relations, National Interests and Foreign Policy Making in The Middle East.	Aboul-Enein, Sameh.
View or Print: Iran's Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Capabilities / 2010 review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.	(no author)
Negotiation : readings, exercises, and cases / [edited by] Roy J. Lewicki, Bruce Barry, David M. Saun	(no author)
Nuclear weapons and arms control in the Middle East / by Shai Feldman.	Feldman, Shai, 1950-
Peace operations / by Paul Diehl.	Diehl, Paul F. (Paul Francis)
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Towards a Regional Security Regime for the Middle East	(no author)
The tragedy of the Middle East / Barry Rubin.	Rubin, Barry M.
Understanding peacekeeping / Alex J. Bellamy and Paul D. Williams with Stuart Griffin.	Bellamy, Alex J., 1975-
Unfinished Business: The Negotiation of the CTBT and the end of Nuclear Testing	Johnson, Rebecca
Volume 35 (Part 1): 2010	The United Nations: Disarmament Yearbook
Weapons of TerrorI: Freeing the World of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Arms.	WMDC

TEACHING METHODS

The teaching methods for this course will alternate between: lecturing; presentation and class discussions of assigned readings; and presentations by guest speakers and discussions. Students will be asked successively to briefly and critically present and discuss the readings assigned to them. Presenters will be identified at the end of each class for the following session. At the end of each class, readings for the following week will be distributed on students. There will be mid-term and final exams. Each student will write a research paper. Please see below with regard to the paper. The course consists of:-

- ✓ Lectures on conceptual approaches to arms control and disarmament, the Cold War: US-USSR Arms Control and Disarmament bilateral approaches, controlling weapons of mass destruction I, II& III: the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Biological Weapons Convention & monitoring and verification regimes monitoring and verification regimes.
- ✓ Class discussions and student presentations on assigned different instruments and regimes of arms control, including the nuclear non-proliferation regime, their application, and the attitudes and policies in their respect topics
- ✓ Simulation games illustrating various aspects of providing policy advice on arms control and disarmament & being able to contribute to the effective application of arms control and disarmament regimes.

COURSE GUIDELINES:

Students are kindly advised to:

- Regularly attend class sessions.
- Participate actively in class discussions and share their opinions with their classmates.
- Prepare beforehand for class sessions by reviewing the assigned reading material.
- Periodically check course on blackboard.
- Hand in assignments on time. Late assignments will be devalued.

RESEARCH PAPER

Each student will write a 6,000-word research paper on a topic included in, or derived from, the program of the course. At least 10 sources will be used in writing the paper. Outlines will be discussed during office hours. Progress in research, including conceptual frameworks and main arguments, will be presented successively at the beginning of each class, starting in week. The deadline for submitting papers is the last day of class. Nevertheless, students are encouraged to hand them in before that date.

GRADING SYSTEM

The evaluation of students will be distributed as follows:

- Attendance & Participation	10 %
- Presentation	10 %
- Simulation	15%
- Midterm Exam	15%
- Group project	10%
- Research Paper	20%
- Final Exam	20%
- Total	100 %

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

All students are expected to agree to and comply with the University Academic Integrity Policy which states

“Valuing the concepts of academic integrity and independent effort, the American University in Cairo expects from its students the highest standards of scholarly conduct. The University community asserts that the reputation of the institution depends on the integrity of both faculty and students in their academic pursuits and that it is their joint responsibility to promote an atmosphere conducive to such standards.”

Detailed information about the University Academic Integrity Policy may be found in the Catalog and on the University Web site.

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND ASSOCIATED READINGS, OF EXAMS AND RESEARCH ASSIGNMENTS

Session number	Topic	Assignments And exams	Readings
(1) Wed, Sept 4th, 2013	Conceptual approaches to arms control and disarmament		Fahmy, Nabil (2006). An assessment of international nonproliferation efforts after 60 years. <i>Nonproliferation Review</i> , Vol. 13, No 1. Fahmy, Nabil (2011). Mindful of the Middle East, <i>The Nonproliferation Review</i> , 18:1, 165-181 Aboul Enein, Sameh. <i>Abolishing Nuclear Weapons a debate</i> . Washington, DC: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2009.
(2) Saturday Sept 7th, 2013	The Cold-War: the United Nations, Arms Control and Disarmament	-----	Kubbig, Bernd and Sven Eric Fikenscher. <i>Arms control and missile proliferation in the Middle East</i> . New York: New York, 2012. < http://lib.aucegypt.edu/record=b1953047 >. Sharon Squassoni, "Closing Pandora's Box: Pakistan's Role in Nuclear Proliferation," <i>Arms Control Today</i> (April 2004). Kathleen Bailey, "Why Do We Have to Keep the Bomb?" <i>Bulleting of Atomic Scientists</i> . (January/February 1995).
(3) Saturday, Sept 14th,2013	Controlling weapons of mass destruction I: the nuclear nonproliferation regime	-----	Leonard Specter, "Nuclear Proliferation", in Jeffrey Larsen (ed.), <i>Arms Control: cooperative security in a changing environment</i> . Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2002, pp. 119-141. Mark Fitzpatrick, "Lessons from Iran's Pursuit of Nuclear Weapons," <i>The Nonproliferation Review</i> (November 2006). The Arms Control Association. Available at http://www.armscontrol.org/act/

<p>(4) Wed Sept 25th, 2013</p>	<p>Visit to Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (ECFA)</p>	<p>Visit to Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (ECFA)</p>	<p>Russell, Richard L. Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in the Middle East. New York: Routledge, 2005. <http://lib.aucegypt.edu/record=b1393682>.</p> <p>David Hafemeister, "The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty: Effectively Verifiable," Arms Control Today (October 2008).</p> <p>Aboul Enein, Sameh, "NPT 2010: The Beginning of a New Constructive Cycle", Arms Control Today, November 2010.</p>
<p>(5) Saturday Oct 5th,2013</p>	<p>Foreign policy / Diplomacy & Disarmament</p>	<p>Student presentations</p>	<p>Specter, Senator Arlen . "Arms Control Developments." Sage Publications (1983). <http://aucegypt.summon.serialssolutions.com/search?s.q=The+development+of+arms+control>.</p> <p>Tariq Rauf and Rebecca Johnson, "After the NPT's Indefinite Extension: The Future of the Global Nonproliferation Regime," Nonproliferation Review (Fall 1995), pp. 28-42 at http://cns.miis.edu/pubs/npr/vol03/31/raufjo31.pdf</p> <p>Geoff, Berridge. Diplomacy : theory and practice / G.R. Berridge. 4th edition . Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire ; New York : Palgrave, 2010., n.d. Available at http://lib.aucegypt.edu/search~S2?/rPPAD+570/rppad+570/1,1,3,B/frameSet~1844205&FF=rppad+570&3,,3</p>
<p>(6) Monday, Oct 7th, 2013</p>	<p>Visit to League of Arab States</p>	<p>Visit to League of Arab States</p>	<p>League of Arab States. International Views on the Israel-Gaza Conflict. 30 December 2012. <http://www.arableagueonline.org/international-views-on-the-israel-gaza-conflict/>.</p> <p>League of Arab States. Turkey Wants UN to Take Tougher Steps to End War in Syria. 9 December 2012. <http://www.arableagueonline.org/turkey-wants-un-to-take-tougher-steps-to-end-war-in-syria/>.</p> <p>League of Arab States. "Speech of HE Dr. Nabil Elaraby before the opening session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the summit level at Doha." 27</p>

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<p>(7) Saturday, Oct 12th,2013</p>	<p>Controlling weapons of mass destruction II and III: the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Biological Weapons Convention</p>	<p>Student presentations</p>	<p>Pomper, Miles. "The Politics of Arms Control." Arms Control Today (2004). http://www.armscontrol.org/act/2004-01-02/Intro.</p> <p>William C. Potter, "The NPT & the Sources of Nuclear Restraint," Daedalus (Winter 2010), pp. 68-81.</p> <p>Jeffrey Boutwell and Michael Klare, "Small Arms and Light Weapons: Controlling the Real Instruments of War", in Arms control Today, August/ September 1998. Available at http://www.armscontrol.org/1998-08-09/mkas98.asp</p>
<p>(8) Sat Oct 19th, 2013</p>	<p>National / regional security & disarmament resolutions / treaties</p>	<p>Student presentations</p>	<p>Whitney Raas and Austin Long, "Osirak Redux? Israeli Capabilities to Destroy Iranian Nuclear Facilities," International Security 31:4 (Spring 2007) pp. 7-33.</p> <p>Sammy Salama and Heidi Weber, "The Emerging Arab Response to Iran's Unabated Nuclear Program," NTI Issue Brief, December 22, 2006, Available at http://www.nti.org/analysis/articles/arab-response-irans-nuclear-program/</p> <p>Jeremy, Black, . A History of Diplomacy [electronic resource]. London : Reaktion Books, 2010, n.d. Available at http://lib.aucegypt.edu/record=b1942902</p>
<p>(9) *Saturday, Nov 2nd, 2013 TBA</p>	<p>A Negotiation Simulation Model on the Middle East Nuclear Free Zone Conference</p>	<p>Prepare assigned country roles & relevant readings included in the syllabus and available on blackboard *P.S All</p>	<p>Dean, Acheson,. Power and diplomacy. Cambridge : Harvard University Press, 1958., n.d. Available http://lib.aucegypt.edu/record=b1215818</p> <p>Landau, Emily B. Arms control in the Middle East : cooperative security dialogue and regional constraints. Portland: Sussex</p>

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(10) Sat Nov 9th, 2013	Midterm	Midterm	
(11) Sat Nov 16th, 2013	Controlling export and delivery systems: Multilateral regimes	Group project	<p>About Enein, Sameh and Gopalswamy, Bharath. Missile Regime, Verification, Test Bans and Free Zones, Disarmament Forum No. 4, 2009, UNIDIR, Geneva.</p> <p>About Enein, Sameh and ELBahtimy, Hassan, Towards a verified nuclear weapon free zone in the Middle East, VERTIC Brief, April 2010.</p> <p>UN Institute For Disarmament Research. Available at http://unidir.org/</p>
(12) Sat, Nov 23rd, 2013	Civil society & Disarmament	Group project	<p>Kissling, Claudia . Civil society and nuclear non-proliferation : how do states respond? England: Burlington, VT : Ashgate, 2008. <http://lib.aucegypt.edu/record=b1688432>.</p> <p>Williams, Jody , Stephen D. Goose and Mary Wareham. Banning landmines : disarmament, citizen diplomacy, and human security. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2008. <http://lib.aucegypt.edu/record=b1452>.</p> <p>Potter, William C, and Gaukhar Mukhatzhanova. Nuclear politics and the non-aligned movement: principles vs pragmatism. New York: International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2012.</p>

(13) Sat Nov 30th, 2013	Missiles	Group project	Aboul Enein, Sameh (2011), "NPT 2010-2015: The way Forward". Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Aboul Enein, Sameh (2010), A real opportunity for a Nuclear-Weapons-Free Zone in the Middle East. Aboul Enein, Sameh, "The 2010 NPT Review and the Middle East: Challenges and Opportunities". Palestine-Israel Journal.
(14) Sat Dec 7th, 2013	Visiting Speaker - Discussion on IAEA & CTBTO (Vienna Based Organizations)	Visiting Speaker - Discussion on IAEA & CTBTO (Vienna Based Organization)	
(15) Sat Dec 14th, 2013	Final Exam	FINAL EXAM	

SIMULATION EXERCISE

SCENARIO BRIEF FOR STUDENTS

- All students are to first read the assigned readings as essential preparation for the simulation.
- Students have been assigned roles for the session, as per the attached lists and will be available on blackboard.
- Students are to read themselves into their roles and be prepared to speak on their country's position.
- It is important that strict adherence is kept to time available.
- Take into consideration the UN Dress-Code: Formal suit/dress

Simulation Setting

- This will be in the form of a conference called by the UN Secretary General.
- The aim is to prepare the ground for the formal talks planned for 2013 on elimination of nuclear weapons in the Middle East.

The decision to hold this meeting has been prompted by the current unrest in the region. The situation in the Middle East generally is in turmoil in many countries. In addition, the Israel/Palestine question seems no nearer to a two-state solution despite intense efforts at

mediation by all involved. Iran still appears to have nuclear ambitions, despite UN Resolution 1737 adopted in December 2006.

Conference

Stage 1:

- Each student representing a country from the area is to be prepared to present his/her country's position on the setting up of a Middle East nuclear-free zone.
- Other countries with interests in the area may wish to intervene in the discussions and students representing them should be prepared to do so.
- Iran, Israel, Pakistan, Egypt and the USA in particular are to be critical in their interventions and students should role play accordingly.
- The media representatives and the NGOs should play a similar role.

Stage 2:

- Short recess during which the Conference President and the UN Secretary General's representative are to prepare two or three paragraphs on a Middle East resolution arising from the discussion in Stage 1.

Stage 3:

- The President will present the Resolution to the conference.

LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THE SIMULATION

- Practice in speaking in public
- Practice in the use of diplomatic language and the required protocol
- Importance of careful preparation before speaking and the accuracy of facts
- Need to keep diplomacy active, with no 'closed doors' and to strive wherever possible for at least some rapprochement
- Realisation of the dangers of becoming locked into positions and of stating pre-conditions before the commencement of negotiation
- The use of 'ice-breakers' and 'shared experiences' when appropriate to build trust
- Appreciation of the difficulties encountered when drafting a resolution.